



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XB459]

#### Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of one scientific research permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued a scientific research permit (Permit 19571-2R) to the NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center in La Jolla, California, under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The research is intended to increase knowledge of black abalone listed under the ESA and to help guide management, conservation, and recovery efforts.

**ADDRESSES:** The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request via email to [nmfs.wcr-apps@noaa.gov](mailto:nmfs.wcr-apps@noaa.gov) (please include the permit number in the subject line of the email).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice was published in the **Federal Register** on February 16, 2021, that a request for a permit renewal had been submitted by NMFS's Southwest Fisheries Science Center. To locate the **Federal Register** notice that announced our receipt of the application and a complete description of the research, go to [www.federalregister.gov](https://www.federalregister.gov) and search on the permit number and **Federal Register** notice information provided in the table below.

**Table 1. Issued Permits**

Permit No.	RTID	Applicant	Previous Federal	Issuance date
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			<b>Register notice</b>	
19571-2R	0648- XA872	NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center – 8901 La Jolla Shores Drive La Jolla, CA 92037 (Responsible Party: Kristen Koch)	86 FR 9489; February 16, 2021	September 16, 2021

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

#### **Authority**

Scientific research permits are issued in accordance with section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226). NMFS issues permits based on finding that such permits: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) if granted and exercised, would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of the permit; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policy of section 2 of the ESA. The authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits.

Dated: September 30, 2021.

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